

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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BENEFITS TO OFFICERS OF PSU(S) POSTED IN DISTURBED AREAS

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government through oil PSUs gives special benefits to the officers and employees of PSUs who have been posted in disturbed/terrorism affected areas like Assam, J&K specially posted in Srinagar and Jammu;

(b) if so, the details of the special benefits;

(c) whether such benefits are applicable in case of all the oil PSUs; and

(d) if not, the reasons for discrimination?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d) : The Officers and employees of the respective Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the administrative control of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas posted in the North-Eastern Region (NER) are paid special benefits in the form of North-East Allowance at the rate of 12.5% of their basic pay subject to maximum of Rs. 1,000/- and remote locality allowance at different rates in the range of Rs. 40/- and Rs. 200/- per month. However, in the case of employees of Gas Authority of India Limited and Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited, the remote locality allowance in Tripura ranges between Rs. 150/- and Rs. 1,050/- per month. In addition to the above benefits, the respective PSUs provide to their employees in NER other benefits such as additional Leave Travel Concession, Accommodation/House Rent Allowance for families left behind, concessional residential accommodation, hardship allowance and choice posting on transfer from NER.

In Jammu & Kashmir, the PSUs concerned provide special insurance coverage and special allowance equal to 3/4th of Daily Allowance apart from additional HRA for families left behind and choice posting on transfer from J & K.